

METEOR Cruise 77/1

Talcahuano (Chile) – Callao (Peru)

Weekly Report No. 1: 22. 10. -26. 10. 08



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Due to a delay in the ship yard inspections the M77-1 scientific party which arrived on the 20-10-08 could board METEOR only after a stay in a hotel on the morning of the 22-10-08. Until 15:00h we loaded our equipment from five containers on the pier with the help of a land crew. Four Containers were taken onboard and were unloaded by the scientists. It was also planned to refuel the ship on the same day and to leave the port lately the next morning but due to the weather situation the bunker vessel from Valparaiso was rescheduled for the afternoon of the 23-10-08. We left the shipyard in the morning of the 23-10-08 at 08.12h and anchored in the Bay of Talcahuano to await the bunker vessel which arrived at 16:00h. After refuelling followed by custom and immigration clearance we finally left Talcahuano roadstead at 23:30h with a delay of two days. Since then we are steaming north along the Chilean coast to our first area of investigation at 18°N in Peruvian waters (Fig. 1). Our progress is supported by tailwinds and currents and we expect to arrive around mid night on Monday 27-10-08. So far we did not receive the working permission from Peru.

On behalf of the science party and *Meteor* crew, our very best regards.

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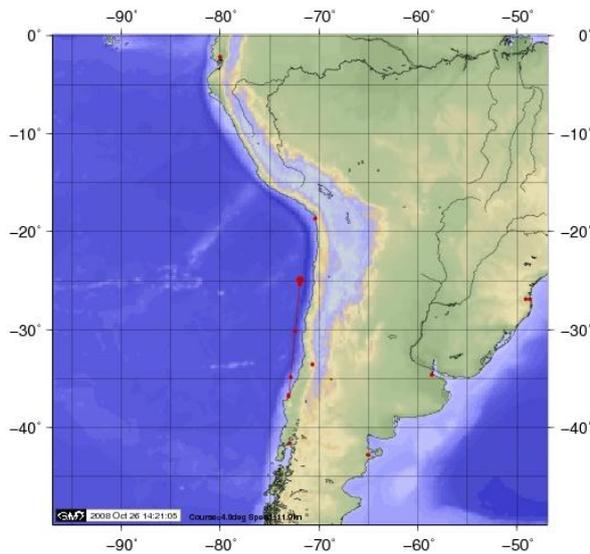


Fig. 1: Cruise track towards the 18°N station (last position noon 26-10-08).